

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2013**



The general meeting of November 4, 2013 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Tomas Benitez
Pamela Bright-Moon
Laurel Karabian
Harold Karpman
Bettina Korek
Peter Lesnik
Alis Clausen Odenthal
Jesus Reyes
Ronald Rosen
Hope Warschaw

Absent: Betty Haagen
Mattie McFadden-Lawson
Araceli Ruano

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant
Sofia Klatzker, Director of Grants and Professional Development
Adam Davis, Managing Director of Production, Ford Theatre
Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications

Also Present: Claudia Margolis
Michael Margolis
Eric Hanks
Keith McNutt

President Lesnik called the Committee of the Whole to order 10:05 a.m.

Correspondence

Commissioner Karpman reported a thank you letter was received from Terry LeMoncheck, Executive Director of the Pasadena Arts Council, thanking the Commission for the 2013 OGP Grantee Reception.

President's Items

President Lesnik welcomed new Commissioner appointments; Ms. Claudia Margolis, appointed by Supervisor Antonovich, and Mr. Eric Hanks, a nominee by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. Both appointments are currently being finalized by the Executive Office.

Commissioner Reyes reported he represented the commission at the annual grantee reception held on October 22, 2013 and welcomed more than 250 representatives from various arts organizations. Supervisors Knabe, Ridley-Thomas, and Yaroslavsky gave congratulatory remarks at the event.

Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker reported the Arts Commission is preparing a list of budget priorities for FY 2014/15.

Ms. Zucker also reported Supervisors Molina and Yaroslavsky will be termed out of office December 2014.

Ms. Zucker also reported on the status of the construction projects at the Ford Amphitheatre. The categorical exemption for off season two work has been approved. Parks and Recreation is renegotiating the cell phone tower leases with AT&T and Verizon and located on the Ford's property.

President Lesnik called the general meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, the excused absences for the meeting of November 4, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Rosen, the minutes for the meeting of October 7, 2013 were unanimously approved.

LA Creates: Supporting the Creative Economy in Los Angeles

Keith McNutt, Director of the Western Region of the Actors Fund, gave a presentation on *LA Creates: Supporting the Creative Economy in Los Angeles*. The report focuses on ways municipal and county governments throughout Los Angeles can better support the creative industries in the region.

Metro Grants

Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications, gave a presentation on the status of Experiencela.com, an online cultural calendar for Los Angeles, previously supported by the Community Redevelopment Agency with a grant from Metro. The Arts Commission is currently requesting a transfer of the most recently awarded Metro grant for this project from the City of Los Angeles to the Arts Commission in partnership with LA Tourism. The County has committed matching funds for the Metro grant.

Ford Season Report

Adam Davis, Managing Director of the Ford Theatres, gave an overview of the 2013 Ford season. Mr. Davis highlighted the Ford Signature Series supported by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and the fundraising efforts for the Ford Theatre Foundation's endowment.

Current Trends Impacting Arts Education

Denise Grande, Arts Education Director, gave an overview of the common core standards in education currently being implemented. The Arts Commission education division is working closely with school districts to address how these changes will impact arts education.

Commissioner Items

Commissioner Reyes reported he is the new Program Manager for Community Partnerships for Center Theatre Group.

Commissioner Bright-Moon reported she attended the annual Ovation Awards held by LA Stage Alliance on November 3, 2013. Commissioner Bright-Moon also congratulated the Civic Art staff on the California State Association of Counties Award for the Del Aire Fruit Park in the second district.

Commissioner Rosen announced the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts will open on October 17, 2013 in the City of Beverly Hills.

Public Comment

None.

The Arts Commission meeting of November 4, 2013 was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. on motion by Commissioner Rosen, seconded by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, and unanimously approved.